

July 13,2021
REGULAR MEETING

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. In attendance are Daniel Blankenship, Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese, and Clay McDaniel.

President Daniel Blankenship called the meeting to order.

Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the minutes for June 8, 2021. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby asked the Council to purchase five sets of boots for \$150.00 each for a total \$750.00. Roger Wells made a motion to purchase five sets of boots for a total of \$750.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with several different quotes from J & K Communications, Inc. for radios and pagers. Discussion followed. Clay McDaniel made a motion to purchase five pagers at \$685.50 each for total of \$3,427.50. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby presented the Council with the new quote from Rosenbauer for \$641,013.00. He also had a quote and spec book from Alexis for \$704,000.00. Discussion followed.

Council was presented with a Volunteer Firefighter application for Alex Verhonik. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Alex Verhonik as a Volunteer Firefighter. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby would like to be made the code enforcement officer to tag yards and homes, so he doesn't have to call Officer Liggett to get them tagged. Police Chief Turner is to check about special deputy.

Chief Newby also discussed the Town needing to adopt State Fire Codes. Chief Newby is to work on getting ordinance ready.

Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the quotes for the Fire Trucks. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner stated that Hunter and Megan Decker have resigned from Eaton Police Reserves. They are leaving on good standings with the department.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from Lexipol for \$18,925.00. This company will update SOPs and implement training. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to table the Lexipol quote until funding can be obtained. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt stated that the mower deck is on and working.

Travis Hunt stated that the Digester Blowers are ordered, and that Titan Electric has been on site working.

Travis Hunt presented a quote from My Outside Guys to run a new lateral to 309 S. Elm Street for \$3,800.00. No other companies turned in a bid. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the bid for \$3,800.00 to run the new lateral for 309 S. Elm Street. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Travis Hunt also asked if they need to pay another sewer tap fee. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to waive the sewer tap fee. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt presented the Council with another bid from My Outside Guys for \$500.00 to clean the brush back from the road on meridian Street between Indiana Ave and around the curve on Race Street. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to approve the quote from My Outside Guys for \$500.00 to clear back the brush on Meridian Street. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt talked about the quote from Newsome's Tree and Stump Removal for \$1,950.00 to remove two trees and stumps. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to remove the tree and stump at 212 Franklin Street for \$1,400.00. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt is to get quotes on a chipper.

Jeff Fish with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. went over his monthly report. He went over the training he has done with Joe Ratliff and Travis Hunt. He said it is going well. He went over the monthly monitoring and upcoming tests that will need to be done. Discussion followed.

Travis Hunt stated that Westrock will be discharging to the Sewage Plant instead of to the river. They are working on their permits with IDEM. Hunt is also to talk to Westrock about running the discharge lines under the road, so the road is no longer blocked like it was the last couple times.

Kristy Burns and Brittany Pence-Kwoczalla, A Small Town Christmas- They are having a Christmas in July Fundraiser and would like to use the Community Center for free on 7-17-2021. They also think it would be a great idea to have a Community Planning Board that would include Police, Fire Business owners and residents. Discussion followed. They are to get with Dustin Reese.

Rachel Runge, Commonwealth Engineers Inc.- Commonwealth will be doing a walk thru with Atlas in a couple weeks to go thru the punch list. She presented the Council with Change Order B-9 to reinstall the sidewalk on Bosman Avenue and install a Sulfur Dioxide Automated Dechlorination System. Clay McDaniel made a motion to approve the Change Order B-9. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge stated that Culy is done with the OCRA Project.

Rachel Runge stated that the easements need to be done still for the water project. She is going to get paperwork to submit to USDA ahead of the easements being done.

Rachel Runge talked to the Council about the SWIF Grant that she has worked on for the Town. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to apply for the grant. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Bridgett DeWees asked Rachel to check on the invoices from Culy and Peerless.

Roger Wells stated that he is waiting on quotes this week for a new vehicle. Vehicles are currently 24-30 weeks out. Discussion followed.

Fire Chief Newby is to look into getting decals printed to put on Town vehicles.

Roger Wells made a motion to table the truck quote. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt has not gone down and investigated at Westrock about have restroom hooked to Town sewer. He will check on it tomorrow.

Council opened the quotes for the Legion Building work.

Rodeffer Roofing \$12,500.00

A&S Roofing \$14,085.00

Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to table the bids. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Teresa Welsh made a motion that if they do not stand by the lease by the next meeting, we will contact the lawyer to get out of the contract. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Peggy Love and Brian Laymon wants to know what the Council wants done at their property located at 301 N. Hartford Street. Discussion followed. Clay McDaniel made a motion to give them sixty (60) days to cleanup and secure the property. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Tommy Capps sent his daughter to ask for an additional pool fool adjustment. Someone has sliced the pool in several different spots. She also asked about the yard across the street that needs cleaned up and mowed. Discussion followed. Roger Wells made a motion to allow the second pool fill adjustment. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read Resolution 2021-7-7 Additional Appropriation for MVH Restrictive \$11,000.00. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7-7. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Daniel Blankenship read resolution 2021-7-9 by title. Resolution accepting the transfer of County-Owned Real Property from the Delaware County Board of Commissioners. Property is located at 104 E. Harris Street. Roger Wells made a motion to sign Resolution 2021-7-9. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried. Dustin Reese made a motion to pay the \$600.00 reimbursement to the County. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with the door hangers they want to use when residents can not be reached by phone. Clay McDaniel made a motion to purchase 500 door hangers from vista print. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Clerk brought up the 2022 Fire Contract for Union and Niles Township. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to leave the contracts at the current rate for 2022. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with a building permit for Ken VanDevender at 500 E. Lincoln Street for a garage. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the building permit for Ken VanDevender. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Karen Buck (not present) wants to ask the Council to give her one more day to mow the property at 507 E. Lincoln Street. Discussion followed. Daniel Blankenship made a motion to allow one extra day for her to mow the property at 507 E. Lincoln Street. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was advised of the issue at 912 S. Romy Street and the theft of water service. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion and gave them 30 days to pay balance, maintenance, fine and equipment fees. If not, we will file criminal charges. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Council was presented with an invoice from Belle Tire for \$36.97 it is for an oil change for the 2019 Fire Chiefs Truck. Roger Wells made a motion to pay Belle Tire invoice for \$36.97. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Roger Wells made a motion to approve the claim docket. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.

Michael Blair asked about blight properties in Town. Discussion followed. Mr. Blair also asked about getting Meridian Street from Jefferson Street to Babb Road paved. He was instructed that this section of Meridian Street is a County Road. He would need to get with the County Highway Department or the County Commissioners.

Travis Hunt and the Council discussed the best way to get the easements done. They are going to look for a notary to walk around with the employees.

Dustin Reese thinks the Town should hire a fourth full time employee and move Fire Chief Newby to full Fire Chief and Park Superintendent, Discussion followed. Dustin Reese to work on written plan.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Clay McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Roger Wells seconded the motion. Vote was 5/0. Motion carried.


Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:


Bridgett DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer